GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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AWARD TO YOUTHS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to give award to the youths for the work done by them in the field of social service;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether every State can sponsor one candidate for Annual Youth Awards;

(d) if so, whether the States have to follow any specific criteria for sponsoring such names; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a) The Government is already giving `National Youth Awards` to the youth for the work done by them in the field of social service since 1985.

(b) National Youth Award was instituted in 1985 and since then this award is given every year to young persons and voluntary organisations in recognition of their outstanding work for national development and social service. Presently, awards are conferred every year on 12th January during the National Youth Festival conducted from 12 to 16 January.

(c) As per the latest code of procedure for selection of nominations for National Youth Awards, every State Government can recommend 10 names and every Union Territory can recommend 5 names. Similarly, State Governments can recommend 2 names and Union Territory can recommend 1 name of voluntary organisations for National Youth Award.

(d) & (e): As per the latest procedure, universities/colleges, local government departments, voluntary agencies, private bodies, public sector undertakings, Nehru Yuva Kendras, National Service Scheme etc. will submit their recommendations to the respective District Magistrate/District Collector by the 10th of June every year, who will be the chairperson of the District level Committee. District level Committee will send the recommendations to the State Governments by the 10th of July every year. The recommendations made by the District level Committee would be considered by a State level Committee under the chairpersonship of Secretary/Commissioner of the Youth Department of the State. State Governments/Union Territory Administration will further send the recommendations to the Central Government, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. At the National level, a Central Selection Committee will scrutinize recommendations of the State Governments/UT Administrations and make the final selection of the Youth Awardees. Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports is the Chairperson of the Central Selection Committee.